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U. S. SOLDIERS PRISONERS OF MEXICAN BAND

Seven Cavalrymen Taken by Bandits in Skirmish in New Mexico—Fifty Troopers Sent in Pursuit—State Department Gets Official Proof of Execution of Two of Outlaws' Leaders.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 19.—Seven soldiers of the 7th United States cavalry were captured early today by Mexican bandits at Doyle Wells, 14 miles south of Hachita, N. M., according to despatches received here. The surrounding country was secured by cowboys hunting the bandits.

News of the capture of the soldiers was telephoned here from Hachita early today. The message said that a cowboy named Doolittle had arrived there with the news shortly after midnight.

Doolittle said he had seen the fight between the soldiers and Mexican bandits and had escaped unnoticed by the Mexicans.

Fifty cavalrymen were sent from Hachita to aid in the pursuit.

PROOF OF EXECUTION OF BANDITS RECEIVED

Washington, Jan. 19.—After a conference with President Wilson early today, Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, found that the Mexican information

STOCKHOLDERS DECLARE 'NEW HAVEN' DIRECTORS IMPEDE RECOVERY SUIT

Boston, Jan. 19.—Minority stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, who are suing former directors of the road to recover from them \$102,000,000 for losses allegedly incurred by the corporation in unprofitable and improper purchases, today filed an amendment to their suit seeking the right to prosecute in the name of the corporation itself.

They claim that the present directors have refused to press such a suit for restitution because of friendships for their predecessors and "intimations which they (the former directors) have made to withdraw their financial support from the railroad and thereby causing financial embarrassment and ruin."

As instances of the refusal of the present administration to support the suit, the minority interests set forth that: Meredith Storer, counsel for the corporation at the recent annual meeting, authorized the plaintiff to proceed at their own expense. In be-

STEAMER RYNDAM IS ASHORE AT GRAVESEND; MYSTERY ENVELOPS NATURE OF ACCIDENT TO SHIP

London, Jan. 19.—The steamship Ryndam, of the Holland-American Line, is aground at Gravesend. No report has yet been made of the extent of the damage the vessel has received. An examination is being made. In the meantime, none of the passengers or crew is allowed to leave the vessel.

The Ryndam, which left New York on Jan. 5 with 79 first class, 24 second class and 33 third class passengers, was en route to Rotterdam.

BELOVED SISTER DEAD, FOLLOWS HER SAME DAY

Miss Joanna Rael Will Be Buried At Same Service As Ellen Rael.

Following the death of her sister, Ellen S. Rael, by a few hours, Miss Joanna Rael died last night at her home, 340 Harsall avenue, after a brief illness with grip and pneumonia. Miss Ellen Rael died yesterday morning also from pneumonia. Miss Joanna had been in ill health for some time and her death, after she contracted pneumonia, was expected, while that of Miss Ellen, who until recently had had good health, was sudden.

The sisters were prominent members of St. Augustine's church during their entire lives. They are survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Wells and Miss Mary Rael. The double funeral will be held on Saturday from their home and from St. Augustine's church.

W. H. RUSSELL, III.

Tax Assessor William F. Russell is confined to his home at 584 Arctic street, with an attack of the grip.

The Adirondack Hotel at North Creek, N. Y., was destroyed by fire.

RADEL INVENTORY FOR CONNECTICUT IS NEAR MILLION

Oyster Magnate's Total Estate Will Approximate Three Million Dollars.

HAD PERSONALTY OF \$647,466.77

Chief Real Estate Holdings Were in Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Completion of the work of the appraisers of the Connecticut interests of the estate of the late Andrew Radel shows that the total value of the oyster and traction magnate's estate is approximately \$3,000,000.

The late Bridgeporter was reputed to have larger investments in the oyster industry than any other individual.

An inventory of the property he owned in Connecticut filed today by the appraisers, Frederick S. Beardsley, Charles Platts and John T. King shows his Connecticut property holdings.

Oyster grounds and oyster stock holdings of \$34,333.60 are represented. His personal property which must be filed for probate here because of his death in New Jersey, amounts to \$647,466.77. He held real estate here valued at \$67,575.

His chief real estate holdings, however, were in Rhode Island and New Jersey. He owned outright the Hotel Gladstone at Narragansett Pier and office buildings, stores and dwelling houses in Newark and South Orange, N. J.

In his will, which was drawn on February 6, 1909, he leaves the bulk of his estate to his widow, Bess J. Radel, with trust funds for his children. The latter ranging from 21 to 7, are Andrew A., Margaret, Mary C., J. Lewis and Louis S.

Mr. Radel also left bequests to the Dominican Fathers of Newark, N. J., the Sacred Heart church of this city, Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien, his former pastor and Anna Thrum.

In his oyster grounds holdings in this state, 134 1/2 acres of oyster grounds in Bridgeport, 1,500; 58 acres of oyster grounds in Norwalk, 11,700; equity in oyster grounds of state jurisdiction, \$47,932.60; 175,000 bushels of oysters on oyster grounds, \$33,500.

In the inventory of his personal estate appears these items: Cash in Connecticut National bank, Bridgeport, \$17,534.75; First Bridgeport National bank, Bridgeport, \$4,343.24; City National bank, South Norwalk, \$1,085.32; South Norwalk Trust Co., \$153.39.

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SIMON LAKE IS HUNTING GOLD IN SOUTHERN WATER

Submarine Expert Applies Principle of Dredging For Treasures.

Simon Lake, the submarine authority, may extend his pleasure trip at the noted in on his quest for gold, the purpose in the quest of gold, is the statement of his son, Thomas Edison Lake, today.

This will not be the first time that the noted inventor has bent his energy and brains towards the recovery of the precious metal, for he has previously been active in the same locality and has invented and built apparatus for recovering gold from the bottom of rivers where the current is too swift for the placer operators.

It is known that extending north from Dahlonega, Ga., on the seaboard of a United States mint, through the Smoky mountain ridge and the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, gold has been found in small quantities from time immemorial. In fact, before the days of '49, Georgia and North Carolina were the chief sources of deposit. After the California rush it was not found profitable to mine in the east and the old claims were abandoned.

Recently improved machinery has made possible the workings of many of the older mines, and "panning" along the creeks and rivers where fine gold deposits are found.

With the purpose of facilitating this work, Lake has invented a dredge that works on the suction principle and with a sharply pointed nozzle can reach the interstices between rocks, under water, where the fast current has deposited the richest caches.

The Lake gold-dredging apparatus is so arranged that separation of the gold grains or particles takes place immediately. The heaviest particles are collected in a separator in the working chamber, and other materials like sand and gravel, small stones and the lighter particles of gold are pushed through successive separators as the stream rises in the tube to the surface.

Lake, when he designed the first dredge to be used in the section where he is now visiting partly described the process as follows:

"With this system it is possible to clean up the bottom thoroughly to the depths of 150 feet. The efficiency of the pumping plant increases coincidentally with the increment of depth, while with other systems, having the pump on the surface, efficiency is reduced as the depth increases."

Moretown, N. C., is the district in which Lake is now said to be interested in gold mining ventures.

COURT PERMITS DEWE SALE OF DANBURY HOMES

Final Chapter in Famous Suit Against Hatters is Written Today.

TITLES ARE PROVED BEFORE U. S. JUDGE

Original Defendants in Many Instances Have Died Since Case Began.

New Haven, Jan. 19.—A motion made by the plaintiff in the famous suit of D. C. Dewe and others against W. P. Bailey and others, which was a part of the Danbury Hatters' case, for sale of property of defendants against whom decrees of foreclosure had been issued, was granted by Judge E. S. Thomas in the United States district court today.

There remains now only the formal decree to be made binding the case and this will come after a master in chancery has sold each piece of property included in the order of foreclosure, and turned in the proceeds to be applied to the judgment obtained by the plaintiffs.

The question before the court today was the order of sale under the foreclosure. Walter G. Merritt for the plaintiffs, put in separately evidence to prove title of defendants to property attached where the question had arisen as to priority of incumbrance on said property at the time attachment was made.

There were a number of titles to be proved of this description. Then Mr. Merritt made a general statement covering pieces of property attached in which the titles were not in question. He then proved the incumbrance at the time attachment was made.

Mr. Merritt said the plaintiffs dropped a savings bank of Danbury as a defendant. Among titles proved were several which the original defendant had died.

After Mr. Merritt had made a general statement covering all titles, W. F. Tammany, of Norwalk, offered the following motion which was not opposed by the plaintiffs:

"The defendants in the above entitled action who are not owners of attached real estate, have shown that the plaintiffs are foreclosed by decree of sale instead of by strict foreclosure and that such sale be by separate parcels. Davenport, of counsel for the plaintiffs, said that a formal carrying out of the law under the statute of March, 1893, with reference to foreclosure sales ordered by the court would require considerable time, but that under the Connecticut statute the court may appoint a master in chancery, who reports back to the court, so that a formal decree may be made. The court accepted the motion of the defendants and the attorneys will agree on the matter."

D. E. Loewe, the principal plaintiff, offered a statement showing the sums paid upon the propositions. The last payment was \$37,148. The Danbury Hatters' suit was brought in August, 1903, and since that time the plaintiffs in the supreme court of the United States in January, 1915. The decree was for \$30,000, which carried triple damages under the Supreme law. The costs have been \$12,130.90. Originally, there were 204 defendants but the number has been reduced by death or other reasons to 150.

Foreclosure proceedings run against 125 pieces of property in Danbury and 15 each in Bethel and Norwalk. There is a question still before the court which will be settled when proceeds of the sale of property is turned in as today's disposition of about \$10,000 in interest on deposits of defendants in savings banks in Danbury. The plaintiffs have received \$35,000. Opinion is said to be held by attorneys for the plaintiffs that equities will be brought to the total cash close to the amount of the judgment with the funds already in hand. Payments have been made on the judgments and only the balance is to be liquidated.

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MCCRACKEN BOOSTS BID FOR BIG BOUT TO \$45,500 PURSE

New York, Jan. 19.—Tex Rickard and Samuel McCracken, who made the original offer of \$45,000 for a 10-round bout here between Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran, increased that offer today by \$500. They have come to an agreement with Moran by which his end of the purse will be \$17,000 instead of \$15,000. The terms offered by Rickard and McCracken with the understanding that the bout should be held in the month of March, next.

Policeman Halts Runaway; Then Goes To Home For Rest

Policeman Patrick Lynch stopped a runaway horse at Park and Railroad avenues today and in doing so was dragged a considerable distance and his clothing torn. He telephoned to the third precinct station that he was going home to change his clothing but beyond that made no further report of the occurrence.

MONTENEGRINS CONTINUE IN WAR; AUSTRIAN TERMS FOR PEACE ARE REJECTED

MRS. MOHR THREATENED TO KILL SECRETARY TO HUSBAND, WITNESS SAYS

Providence, R. I., Jan. 19.—A letter containing a threat to kill Miss Emily Burger and alleged to have been written by Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who is on trial for the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, was introduced by the prosecution today. George W. Rooks also testified that Mrs. Mohr had told him that she could hire a couple of thugs to kill her husband.

Miss Burger, who was also wounded when Mohr was shot, was his private secretary and the state claims that jealousy of her was one of the motives that led Mrs. Mohr to employ Victor Brown and Henry Spellman to murder her husband.

Rooks is a brother-in-law of Miss Burger and was called to the stand after several witnesses had testified regarding the removal of Dr. Mohr to a hospital and the disposition of papers taken from his possession. Rooks' examination he denied he had been jealous of the physician's attentions to Miss Burger or that he had tried to prejudice Mrs. Mohr against her husband.

Rooks first identified the postcard Mrs. Mohr wrote him warning him to

keep his sister-in-law away from her husband and which had already been placed in evidence. He then identified a letter he received from Mrs. Mohr on Dec. 3, 1915. It was allowed to go into the record over the objection of counsel for the defense. It read in part as follows:

"My son Charles has told me that his father has taken him three times to call on Miss Berger. I am going to get after her. She is not going to get the best of me. I will kill her before I'm through with the whole matter. She is a low person when she won't listen to a good woman like me who asks her to stay away from my husband. She will be sorry before many days."

"I just want to let you know how your sister-in-law is deceiving you. I'm not going to put up with it. Please look into this matter and don't let her jolly you. I give her fair warning."

Rooks told of conversations he had with Mrs. Mohr between December, 1913, and June, 1914. He said he talked with her in his office, at the postoffice, at the South Station in Boston.

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TRACHOMA CASE IS DISCOVERED IN BRIDGEPORT

Local Jitney Driver's, Sore Eye Proves To Be Dreaded Disease.

A case of trachoma in this city has been revealed to the health authorities and steps probably will be taken immediately to prevent a spread of the disease.

Nathan Bittner, aged 26, of 15 Ash street, a jitney driver, applied to the emergency hospital this afternoon, saying that he thought he had something in one of his eyes. When Dr. J. F. Canavan looked at him, he was shocked and to confirm his opinion, he sent Bittner to City Physician D. C. DeWolfe, an eye specialist. Dr. DeWolfe declared Bittner has trachoma.

He was sent to his home and the health department was notified. Bittner is married and has two children. He said he came from Russia, but has been in this city 19 years.

Trachoma is a scourge that is scarcely known in the eastern part of the United States, outside of the region of the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains. It is a contagious disease, acquired by physical contact, or through articles used by a trachoma victim.

Its visit to Bridgeport is fraught with peril and it is expected examinations will be made of relatives of Bittner in order that its progress may be checked. Trachoma produces blindness.

It is known mostly among the Indians of the west and in the Danbury mountains. It is said that out of every five or six Indians of Nevada are half-blind with it and the spread of it is being neglected. In one Kentucky place it was found recently that 4,000 children had the disease in more or less degree, 20 per cent. of the whole population.

Trachoma has been traced to Egypt. History tells us that when Napoleon was fighting around the pyramids the French soldiers acquired the infection and when they returned to France, they brought it with them. Thence it spread like wildfire all over Europe.

So serious did it become that the United States Congress enacted a measure refusing admission to would-be immigrants who suffer from the infection. The government maintains a special staff of agents in Europe to prevent the passage of persons afflicted with it and it is said that an agent who passes one of these persons is held responsible for what harm may be done.

Mumps Is Latest Foe of Health in School Children

Still in the throes of grip and pneumonia, Bridgeport is now afflicted with a visitation of the mumps. East Bridgeport seems to be suffering the most. Barnum school, hard hit by the grip, is now trying to fight off an attack of another illness. During the last two or three days physicians have been receiving calls from the home of many children who are suffering mumps.

At the same time, it is the belief of many physicians in the city, that the cold wave had the effect of lessening the number of grip cases. Speedy relief from the pandemic is expected.

Early Reports of Surrender Are Premature, Says Despatch to Paris—Articles of Surrender "Quite Unacceptable."

Paris, Jan. 19.—The following official statement was issued today:

"The wireless news of the surrender of the Montenegrin army appears somewhat premature. It is now announced from another source that negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken, the conditions of surrender imposed by Austria having been quite unacceptable by Montenegro."

"The King, the royal family and the diplomatic corps are about to proceed to Italy."

German Casualties

Total 2,538,768
London, Jan. 19.—Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the total German casualties as published in the Berlin casualty lists today total 2,538,768. Of this number, he said, 585,889 were killed.

Kaiser, Much Better, Meets Bulgar Ruler

London, Jan. 19.—A despatch received by Reuters' Telegram Co. said that Emperor William was in Nish, Serbia, yesterday. According to this information, which was forwarded from Nish by way of Berlin, the German Emperor met King Ferdinand of Bulgaria at Nish.

"The monarchs greeted each other cordially," the despatch says. Official announcement was made in Berlin Sunday that Emperor William had recovered his health completely and had returned to the front.

SERBIAN TROOPS ARRIVE AT N.Y. ON GREEK LINER

New York, Jan. 19.—The Greek liner Vasilios Constantinos arrived here today from Athens with 300 Serbian soldier refugees and their families on board. As soon as the liner reached quarantine, 20 of the serbians were taken off and sent to the hospital as being afflicted with vermin of the type that carries typhus and will be kept under observation.

Most of the refugees were said to be serbians who were living in this country at the outbreak of the war and were summoned back to the colors.

There was also on board seven members of the University of Columbia's Red Cross service who were returning from Serbia.

Percy Anderson Head of Fire Underwriters

Percy P. Anderson was elected president of the Bridgeport Fire Underwriters' association at the annual meeting held this afternoon in the board of trade rooms. The other officers elected were George T. Hatheway, vice president; Arthur M. Wilson, secretary; Walter North, treasurer.

Bullard Employee Dies After Sudden Attack of Acute Convulsions

George Foreach, aged 53, an employee of the Bullard Machine Tool Co. living at 624 Main street, was found unconscious on the floor of his bedroom at 8:30 this morning. Dr. J. J. Deery found him lying on the floor with uraemic convulsions brought on through weakness of the kidneys. Foreach was taken to St. Vincent's hospital where he died this noon.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight; Thursday fair and slightly warmer; moderate southwest to south winds.